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### ***HAPLOPAPPUS PYGMAEUS*** **PYGMY GOLDENWEED**

Pygmy Goldenweed is a mat-forming perennial with several stems that are 1-6 cm high and which arise from a taproot and branched rootcrown. The narrowly oblong, entire-margined basal leaves are 1-5 cm long and 1-5 mm wide. The alternate stem leaves are only somewhat smaller. Foliage is glabrous, except for sticky hairs toward the top. The bell shaped flower heads are solitary on the stem tips and 8-10 mm high. Each head has ca. 2 series of slightly overlapping narrow involucral bracts. Tips of the outer heads are blunt, but those of the inner heads are pointed. The 10-35 yellow rays are 6-8 mm long, and the yellow disk flowers are 5-7 mm long. The elongate achenes are topped by numerous, white to tan pappus bristles. Flowering in August.

*HAPLOPAPPUS LYALLII* has sticky, glandular foliage. Other species that have solitary flower heads also have very reduced stem leaves.